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- 25X1X 1. The airfield is north of Krasnograd (35°27'E/49°22'N), Ukrainian SSR, and northeast of Pechanka, where the field personnel were quartered. Hangars were not observed.
2. The airfield was occupied by about 20 "Airacobras" (in-line engine, wings and cockpit set rather far to the rear) and since the Summer of 1948 by about 10 fighters similar to the P-190 and fitted with radial engine. Twin-engine planes, probably Mitchell, fitted with radial engines, double rudder assembly and suspended engines, frequently landed at the airfield. There was day and night flying.

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3. Airfield personnel: Besides the technical personnel there were almost exclusively 22 to 30-year-old officers holding ranks from second lieutenant to captain. The officers were billeted in a two-story building on October Street in the northern section of Krasnograd.
4. An airfield with a two-story angular-shaped air force barracks building on its southern border is north of Krasnograd.
5. Most of the aircraft stationed at the field were single-engine fighters which did formation and night flying. Twin-engine aircraft were seen towing air sleeves for fighters.
6. The 1,500-meter square airfield is north of Krasnograd, on the western side of the road to Kharkov. It is an old but not improved military airfield without runway or taxiway.
7. The field had the following installations: Some cantonment buildings, two aircraft repair shops, one permanent motor vehicle repair shop, fuel tank installations, DF station. Tents used as shelters for pilots during the day were also seen.
8. The airfield was permanently occupied by about 80 fighters, the following types being noticed:
 - a. "Airacobra" (in-line engine set rather far to the fore, low-wing monoplane, retractable landing gear, nose wheel, three-bladed propeller);
 - b. Lagg-3, Yak-7 and 9;
 - c. Five or six biplanes.
9. Individual flights and formation flying with five and nine planes, firing from three fighters at towed air sleeves (one plane firing while the other two made turns), individual parachute jumps from Yak-7 and Lagg-3 planes were observed. All the pilots were officers, the lowest rank noticed being that of junior lieutenant.
10. The 2x1 km airfield is northeast of Krasnograd, just northwest of the road to Seresovenka (35°35'N/49°29'E) (see Annex 1). The surrounding terrain is flat and unwooded. The dimension of the landing field is 1,200 meters. The field, used as an improvised landing field, by the Germans, has a good grass cover.
11. Five 75 x 50 x 6 meter cantonment buildings were each occupied by 150 flying and technical personnel. The aircraft repair workshops were housed in two wooden sheds. Fuel tanks were being dug in at the southern corner of the field.
12. Ten to 15 single-engine fighters with a cannon in each of the wings and some biplanes were stationed at the airfield.
13. For location of airfield see Annex 2. It was 1 km square and surrounded by fields. Construction work was not noticed. The airfield had no concrete runways or boundary lights. Two orientation searchlights were available.
14. The airfield had three or four oblong wooden sheds; a repair shop and garages were west of the highway; a three-story air force barracks, about 80 x 30 meters, occupied by 400 to 500 about 21-year-old soldiers was on the road to Metsevanaka. At least 100 officers,

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Mostly lieutenants and junior lieutenants, were among the soldiers. The ranking officer was a colonel. The following epaulets were noticed:

- a. Lt., blue-bordered yellow and red epaulets;
 - b. Officers, blue-bordered yellow epaulets.
15. The airfield was occupied by about 40 single-engine fighters (in-line engine, tapering wings; others were fitted with radial engine and had a slightly larger wing span).
16. Take-offs and landings formation flying and attacks on towed air sleeves were seen. Searchlights were in operation at night.

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Comment:

- a. This is the first report on the Krasnograd airfield. The data on its location and occupation as furnished by the different sources generally agree.
- b. The statement on the presence of Airacobra type aircraft also seems to be correct since it is reported by several sources. Source

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- c. It is assumed that a fighter pilot school for combat training of pilots before their transfer to tactical units is at the airfield.

2 Annexes: Krasnograd Airfield: 1 Location Sketch
1 Layout Sketch